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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of claims:

Claim 1 (currently amended): Apparatus comprising:

a base formed with upper and lower sides, the lower side of the base having ~~a shape~~ a lower surface that is substantially flat such that the apparatus when placed on a reading stand or table is stably supported;

a support connected to the upper side of the base;

an adjuster on the upper side of the base for selectively collapsing the support downwardly relative to the base so that the apparatus can support writing material and function as a clipboard; or propping the support in an upwardly extended position relative to the base so that the apparatus can support reading material and function as a reading stand;

at least one compartment for holding miscellaneous items;

means for selectively opening or closing the compartment;

and a light for illuminating the writing or reading material.

wherein the light can be retracted or extended and the apparatus when collapsed is substantially rectangular in plan view.

Claim 2 (previously presented): Apparatus according to claim 1; wherein the base is substantially rectangular.

Claim 3 (previously presented): Apparatus according to claim 1; wherein the support is substantially rectangular.

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Claim 4 (previously presented): Apparatus according to claim 18 wherein the adjuster comprises a hinge for pivoting the support relative to the base.

Claim 5 (previously presented): Apparatus according to claim 4 wherein the adjuster further comprises a stay arm extending between the base and the support for holding the support at a desired angle relative to the base.

Claim 6 (previously presented): Apparatus according to claim 5 wherein the stay arm is pivotally connected to one of the base and the support at a fixed position and to the other of the base and the support at a position that can be varied to adjust the angle of the support relative to the base.

Claim 7 (previously presented): Apparatus according to claim 18 further comprising a device connected to the apparatus for securing writing material.

Claim 8 (previously presented): Apparatus according to claim 7 wherein the securing device comprises a spring-loaded clip.

Claim 9 (canceled)

Claim 10 (previously presented): Apparatus according to claim 18 further comprising a stalk connected to the apparatus for mounting the light.

Claim 11 (previously presented): Apparatus according to claim 10 wherein the stalk is pivotally mounted on the apparatus.

Claim 12 (previously presented): Apparatus according to claim 10 wherein the stalk is telescoping.

Claim 13 (previously presented): Apparatus according to claim 10 wherein the light is pivotally mounted on the stalk.

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Claim 14 (previously presented): Apparatus according to claim 18 further comprising a page holder for holding reading material open at a desired page.

Claim 15 (previously presented): Apparatus according to claim 14 wherein the page holder comprises a pair of spaced-apart spring-loaded tabs engageable with the reading material.

Claim 16 (canceled)

Claim 17 (previously presented): Apparatus according to claim 18 wherein the first compartment is for holding a writing implement and the second compartment is for holding paper.

Claim 18 (currently amended): Apparatus comprising:

a base formed with upper and lower sides, the lower side of the base having a shape lower surface that is substantially flat such that the apparatus when placed on a reading stand or table is stably supported;

a support connected to the upper side of the base;

an adjuster on the upper side of the base for selectively collapsing the support downwardly relative to the base so that the apparatus can support writing material and function as a clipboard; or extending the support upwardly relative to the base so that the apparatus can support reading material and function as a reading stand;

a light for illuminating the writing or reading material;

wherein the light can be retracted or extended and the apparatus when collapsed is substantially rectangular in plan view;

further comprising first and second compartments for holding miscellaneous

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items;

and first and second lids respectively closing the first and second compartments,
and first and second hinges respectively mounting the first and second lids and enabling
opening of the first and second lids for access to the first and second compartments.